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HYDRIDE RECHARGEABLE BATTERY

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AMENDMENT Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 2, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.